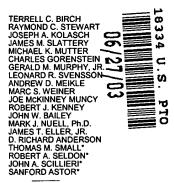
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MS PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a [] continuation [2] divisional [3] continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 10/212,113 filed on August 6, 2002, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

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- 1. Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
- 2.

 The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

| | | | LARGE ENTITY | SMALL ENTITY |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | BASIC FEE | | \$750.00 | \$375.00 |
| | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE FEE | RATE FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 5-20 = | 0 | x 18 = \$0.00 | x 9 = \$0.00 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 3-3 = | 0 | x 84 = \$0.00 | x 42 = \$0.00 |
| ☐ MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED | | | + \$280.00 | + \$140.00 |
| | | TOTAL | \$750.00 | \$0.00 |

- 3. A check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
- 4. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
- 5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
 - a. A --This application is a continuation divisional continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 10/212,113, filed on August 6, 2002, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. 2001-237670 filed in JAPAN on August 6, 2001 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--
 - b. 🗌 --This application continuation is а divisional continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 10/212,113, filed on August 6, 2002and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 120. Application No. 10/212,113 is the national PCT International of phase Application No. filed on ____ under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application No. filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

| 6. | | Enclosed is/are $\underline{\text{four}}$ ($\underline{4}$) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs. |
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| 7a. | | A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 10/212,113 on See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status. |
| 7b. | | The current application qualifies for small entity status. |
| 8. | \boxtimes | The prior application is assigned to Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd. |
| 9. | | A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. |
| 10a. | | Priority of Application No(s). 2001-237670 filed in JAPAN on August 6, 2001 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on August 6, 2002. |
| 10b. | | Priority of International Appln filed on under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Application No filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed. |
| 11. | \boxtimes | An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration. |
| 12. | \boxtimes | Address all future communications to: |
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| 13. | | An extension of time for() month(s) untilhas been submitted in parent Application No. 10/212,113 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application. |
| 14. | | Also enclosed herewith is the following: |
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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